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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of Defense

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY
The Director of Central Intelligence

GENERAL JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Activities in Support of Chad (S)

The President has approved the following recommendations of the Special Situation Group (SSG):

- The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of State, should immediately air ship 30 REDEYE anti-aircraft missiles and 10 STINGER anti-aircraft missiles to N'Djamena, Chad. These weapons should be delivered by USAF aircraft with a U.S. military mobile training team. The STINGER weapons should remain under French control. (S)

- The Department of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense, should immediately undertake arrangements with the Government of Egypt to accelerate the arrival of USAF AWACS aircraft scheduled for the BRIGHT STAR Exercise. Arrangements should also be made with the Egyptians for delivery of an armaments package for the USAF F-16 aircraft already in Egypt. (S)

- The Department of State should generate action in the UN Security Council condemning Libyan aggression, but keeping the French and Africans in the lead on this issue. (S)

- U.S. Sixth Fleet assets should conduct a "stair step four" exercise in the vicinity of the Gulf of Sidra as soon as possible. The USS CORAL SEA Battle Group should deploy for the Caribbean as planned. (S)

- The Departments of State and Defense should today undertake urgent Congressional leadership briefings on the overall situation and our actions. (C)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

William P. Clark

NSC review completed.

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cc: The Vice President

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